



Coventry Chronicles

July-September 2022

Calendar of Events

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Coventry Clubhouse unless otherwise noted. Master Board Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. for Executive Session and 7:00 p.m. for Open Session. Homeowners are **welcomed and encouraged** to attend.

July Activities

- 4 POOL PARTY HL
- 9 Food Truck CH 3-6 pm
- 11 CHOA Meeting
- 12 Ferguson Glade Meeting
- 15 Food Truck CH 4-7 pm
- 18 Swim Team Meeting
- 25 ARC Meeting
- 26 Smithy Glen Meeting

August Activities

- 3 FT Meeting
- 4 Food Truck CH 5-8 pm
- 8 CHOA Meeting
- 9 Ferguson Glade Meeting
- 15 Swim Team Meeting
- 19 Food Truck CH 6-8 pm
- 22 ARC Meeting
- 23 Smithy Glen Meeting

September Activities

- 6 POOLS CLOSED
- 12 CHOA Meeting
- 13 Ferguson Meeting
- 19 Swim Team Meeting
- 26 ARC Meeting
- 27 Smithy Glen Meeting

Coventry Board Members

Tony Collins – President
Randy Wojcik – Treasurer
Brian Kross- Secretary
Julianne Post – Director
Leah Greene- Director

Coventry Office Staff

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Hours

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If you have an idea for an article or would like to submit an article or picture, please send to our editor or the CHOA office at coventryhoa@verizon.net for submission. CHOA Board approval may be required

Hello Neighbors! **Wow! Summer is here!**

Hello Homeowners,

2021 and 2022 has been a real challenge due to the virus and based on the effect the virus has had on all businesses. As we enter halfway into this year, we are facing some challenges related to our new contracts and our vendors, which are new with us, and they are working hard to cover all the areas in the contract between Coventry and the grass-cutting company and our new pool service. The entire board is working very hard to follow up with them and to help them better understand and to know what our Homeowners expect. We have found that every company we have spoken to are facing some challenges with the lack of enough employees as needed to meet the contract terms with all contracts. The Board is trying to be patient and understanding with a passion to help each vendor accomplish what is in the contract and what our Homeowners are hoping for.

The goal and plan is to make the pools available while maintaining the safety measures put in place as a means to protect all people. I ask that you please be understanding, patient and respectful to those that will be lifeguarding the pools during the times you will be there.

In my 40 years involved in community service, I must say, I feel so blessed to be part of the Coventry team of volunteers. It is the variety of ideas, a mixture of different talents, passions aimed in different directions, a willingness to give, a desire for improvement, and a heart to serve, that produces such a successful team. Each person can help in making a difference.

With so much to be thankful for in our community, I would like to encourage you and your family to have fun using the many amenities available within our community, such as the pools, walking trails, tennis, pickle ball, volleyball, swings, fishing, boating and more. For more information, please call the Coventry office.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you. Your feedback is helpful and necessary in helping your Board find solutions to your concerns. ***We need "YOUR" help!***

Tony D. Collins Sr.
President, Coventry Homeowners Association

Beautification Committee Updates

By the time this newsletter is distributed, summer will be in full swing. In southeast Virginia summer typically includes the 3 H's: Hazy, Hot and Humid.

This past spring the beautification committee and it's volunteers have been busy creating new perennial flower beds. Daylily, hardy ice plants and ornamental grasses are now flourishing along common area walkways. Thank you to the individuals who have helped plant, spread mulch and wheelbarrow soil. The team braved a chilly March morning and the teamwork was outstanding.

A new project has been approved to be started upon that includes a major clean up at the Coventry main entrance on Hampton Hwy. Overgrown trees and shrubs will be tanned to make Coventry's calling card monument more presentable. A brand new LED lighting system using energy efficient lighting will follow this clean up.

Fall projects will be discussed at the next meeting, likely planning to start at the end of the summer heading into the planting season after Labor Day. If you would like to assist in any way with our next projects, please contact Coventry's Homeowner's Office. Plans for fall projects will be presented at the individual community HOA meetings as appropriate to ensure a plan is in place for maintenance.

Pool and Playground Updates

The HOA is aware of the need to improve and update the three playgrounds around Coventry. Investigations are under way regarding the most appropriate and financially-conscience playing surfaces for these playgrounds. Please attend the HOA meetings if you would like to assist or contribute ideas.

Continued efforts by the board have been dedicated to keeping the two Coventry pools safe and running to code. Education and a follow up plan for our contracted pool company has been put forth. Unfortunately, with the rusting of the support beams for the slide at the clubhouse pool, a temporary closure of that slide did have to occur in June.

We encourage the community to please join the Coventry Facebook page for immediate updates regarding CHOA meetings and up to date event information. Additionally, please see the Coventry website for monthly CHOA meeting minutes if you are not able to attend these meetings.

Thank you to all of our volunteers in the community that continue to come together!

FREE COVENTRY ZUMBA® CLASSES

@ Harvest Lake (weather permitting) - ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Come joining me for fitness and fun every Thursday at Harvest Lake or the Coventry Clubhouse located at 100 Wrought Iron Bend. These classes are *FREE!* There may be times I will want to hold the class outdoors on the Harvest Lake tennis courts due to ideal weather conditions. Make sure you contact me to get on my Zumba® email distribution list to be notified weekly. I also hold indoor Zumba® classes on Tuesdays and Saturdays in Hampton. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (757) 508-4587 or at collije2@gmail.com. Keep your eye on the Coventry marques or look for the large pink Zumba® flag.

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--Jenny Collins

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Ads must be digital ready or an additional fee may apply. Make checks payable to Coventry HOA. They can be dropped off at the office or mailed to Coventry HOA, 100 Wrought Iron Bend, Yorktown, VA 23693.

Food Truck Events

A great perk of living in Coventry is having our volunteers assist to get delicious food trucks scheduled! Food trucks are scheduled monthly to come to the Coventry clubhouse. Please refer to the Coventry facebook page which will announce reminders of events and which trucks will be present. The Facebook page will also disclose pre-ordering instructions at a closer date to the event. The event dates are also listed on the marquis around the neighborhood.

Food Truck	Month	Time	Place
Polar Ice	July 9th	3:00-6:00pm	CH
Flame and Pie	July 15th	4:00-7:00pm	CH
Food Truck TBA	August 4	5:00-8:00pm	CH
Dominion Dogs & Sweet Frog	August 19th	6:00-8:00pm	CH

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Critter Corner

Recently I was watching Nat Geo Wild, as I often do, and there was a segment about otters, and I thought, what a great subject for the Critter Corner. Who doesn't love an otter with their very human like nature?

So, here are some things to know about otters. There are two different kinds of otters. Some live in the sea, and some populate rivers. In Virginia, we have river otters. This doesn't mean they are limited to only our rivers. They live along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, and marshes, as well as in the lakes and rivers that feed the Bay, known as the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. When you see signs for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed project, if you know nothing else about the important work of this project, know that by doing your part to protect the purity of the waters feeding these areas, you are helping out these adorable mammals. Disposing of litter in trash cans versus throwing it out of your car window, or leaving it on the ground somewhere, limiting the use of pesticides and lawn fertilizers, as well as cleaning up behind your dog helps to protect many species, including the river otter.

Otters are mammals, but they spend most of their time in the water. Their dens are called holts and those are on land, but usually have an underwater entrance. The otters will dig their own holt, but they will also recycle the dens of other animals like rabbits or they will use hollows under trees.

Their young are called kits and the litter can be anywhere from 1-6, but only about 50% of the kits will make it through their first year of life. Like many mammals and birds, their young arrive during the very late winter to early spring. The males keep clear of the birth area but will rejoin the group when the babies are learning to swim. Speaking of swimming, the otter's swim speed can reach approximately 8 miles per hour.

In the 19th century the North American Sea Otters were hunted for their fur to near extinction. The International Fur Seal Treaty shut that down and now the sea otters, found primarily in California and Canada, have made a comeback. Sea otters will form social groups which are typically a few dozen animals. When they are on the water, the group is referred to as a raft. The largest ever recorded was about 2,000 otters.

Otters stay warm because of their waterproof topcoat and thick undercoat. They do not have a need for blubber to stay warm because they have as many as one million hairs per square inch! Their fur is as thick and soft as it appears.

If you have been to a zoo or an aquarium, chances are you have experienced watching the good natured and fun otters. If you have never seen them, I recommend getting out to the Living Museum to see them or checking out the Living Museum ottercam.

2022 Swimming Pool Hours

	<i>May 28 –</i>		<i>May 31 -</i>		<i>June 17 -</i>		<i>Sep 6-</i>
	<i>May 30</i>		<i>June 16</i>		<i>Sep 5</i>		<i>Sep 18</i>
	CH Pool	HL Pool	CH Pool	HL Pool	CH Pool	HL Pool	CH Pool
Sun	11 - 9	12 - 8	11 - 9	12 - 8	11 - 9	12 - 8	11-9
Mon	n/a	n/a	4 - 9	closed	11 - 9	12 - 8	closed
Tues	n/a	n/a	4 - 9	closed	11 - 9	12 - 8	closed
Wed	n/a	n/a	4 - 9	closed	11 - 9	12 - 8	closed
Thurs	n/a	n/a	4 - 9	closed	11 - 9	12 - 8	closed
Fri	n/a	n/a	4 - 9	closed	11 - 9	12 - 8	closed
Sat	11 - 9	12 - 8	11 - 9	12 - 8	11 - 9	12 - 8	11-9
Holidays	11 - 9	12 - 8	n/a	n/a	11 - 9	12 - 8	closed

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